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ICEMAN
SHOULD
FAIL!"**



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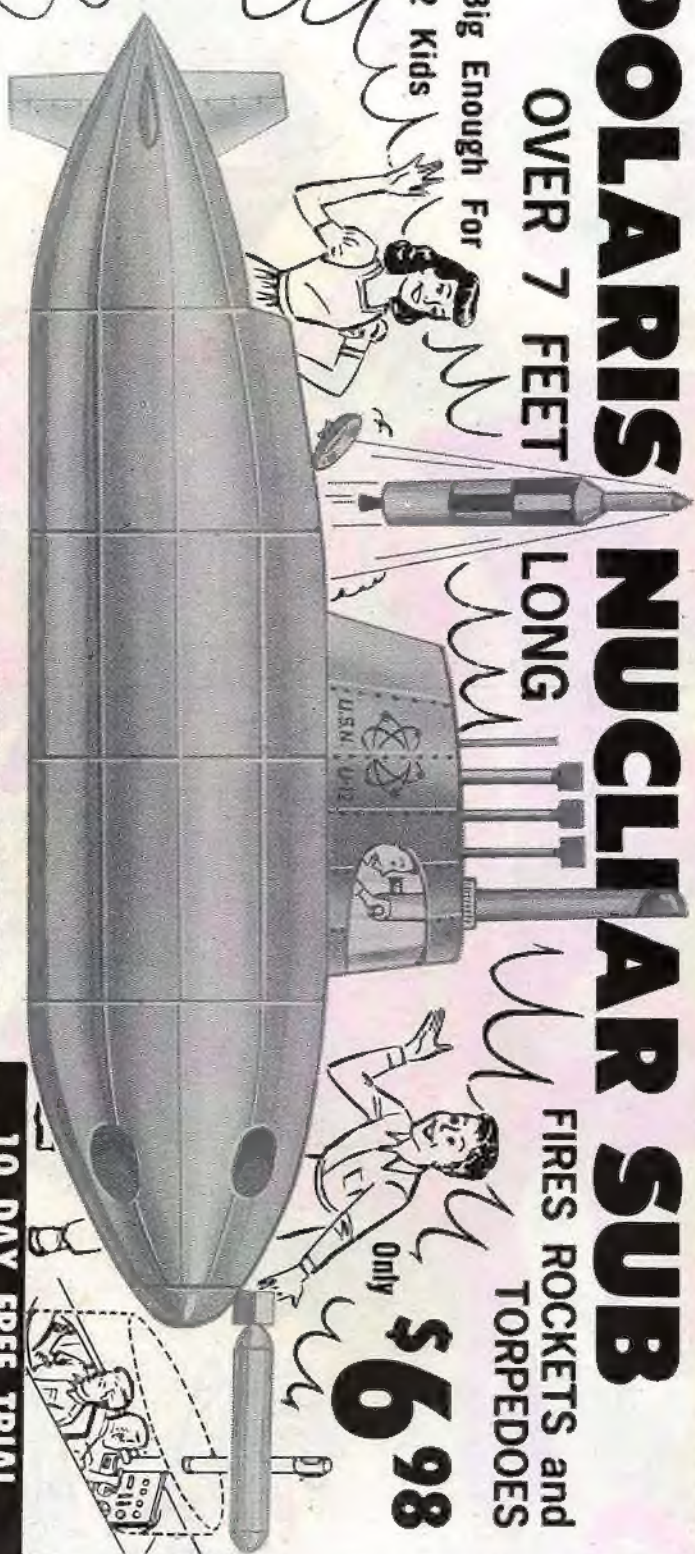
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ONE BY ONE, THE *X-MEN* HAVE BEEN DEFEATED--BY THE MOST POWERFUL, THE MOST DEADLY FOE OF ALL! FOR THOSE OF YOU CARELESS ENOUGH TO HAVE MISSED OUR PREVIOUS ISSUE, WE SHALL GO BACK A BIT IN AN EFFORT TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE, THUS PROVING NO SACRIFICE IS TOO GREAT FOR US TO MAKE IN THIS, THE MAGNIFICENT NEW *MARVEL AGE OF COMICS!* (BUT DON'T EXPECT US TO MAKE A *HABIT* OF IT, HEAR?)

FAR ABOVE EARTH, A **BALLOON** IS DRIFTING --CLIMBING EVER HIGHER TOWARD THE DISTANT SUB-STRATOSPHERE --BRINGING THE *X-MEN* EVER CLOSER TO --THEIR **DOOM!**

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST
LETTERING BY:
ARTIE SIMEK
(MARVEL'S
BIRTHDAY BOY
OF THE MONTH!)

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE MADE THE WISEST INVESTMENT OF THE SEASON BY BUYING THIS ISH, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU TURN THE PAGE AND START READING! IT'S REALLY GONNA **ROCK YA!**

HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE ENDLESS VOID DRIFTS THE LOCKED GONDOLA, AS ITS FIVE UNCONSCIOUS OCCUPANTS SLUMP HELPLESSLY AGAINST ITS COLD, ESCAPE-PROOF SHELL! BUT, WHO IS THE MASTER MENACE THAT HAS BROUGHT ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST FIGHTING TEAMS TO THE EDGE OF DESTRUCTION--?



--WHO BUT-- MAGNETO, MY MAGNETO, THE MOST POWERFUL EVIL MUTANT OF ALL TIME!

YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD BANISHED ME FROM EARTH FOREVER!! BUT, I RETURNED-- STRONGER THAN EVER-- STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY YOU ALL!

AND NOW, I'LL DESTROY EVERY LAST TRACE OF THE X-MEN'S EXISTENCE--!



SPECIAL NOTE: WE KNOW YOU'RE WONDERING HOW MAGNETO MANAGED TO RETURN TO EARTH! BUT, BE PATIENT, PUSSYCAT-- THE BEST IS YET TO COME!



AND NOW TO RELEASE
MY MAGNETIC HOLD,
LETTING IT--NO!

I HAVE A FAR
BETTER IDEA!



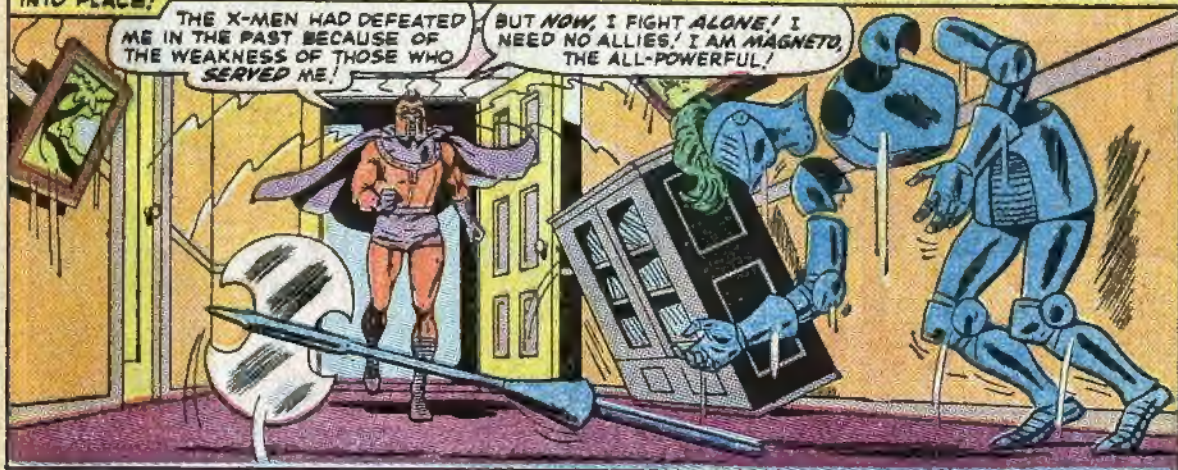
I SHALL NEED A
HEADQUARTERS FOR
MYSELF, NOW THAT I
AM READY TO ATTACK
THE HUMAN RACE
ONCE MORE!

AND, WHAT SUPREME
IRONY IT SHALL BE
TO USE THE FORMER
HOME OF MY ENEMIES
FOR THAT VERY
PURPOSE!

THUS, ALLOWING THE ENORMOUS BUILDING TO SETTLE GENTLY BACK TO THE GROUND, THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS MUTANT STRIDES MAJESTICALLY INSIDE! AND, AS HE APPROACHES THEM, ALL THE OBJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN STREWN ABOUT IN HIS FIGHT WITH THE X-MEN MAGNETICALLY RISE BACK INTO PLACE!

THE X-MEN HAD DEFEATED
ME IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF
THE WEAKNESS OF THOSE WHO
SERVED ME!

BUT NOW, I FIGHT ALONE! I
NEED NO ALLIES! I AM MAGNETO,
THE ALL-POWERFUL!



THE DESK OF PROFESSOR X--
WITH HIS ACCURSED CEREBRO
MACHINE BUILT INTO ITS
SURFACE!

CEREBRO--CREATED
TO WARN HIM OF THE PRESENCE OF
DANGEROUS
MUTANTS! HE'LL
HAVE NO FURTHER
USE FOR THAT!



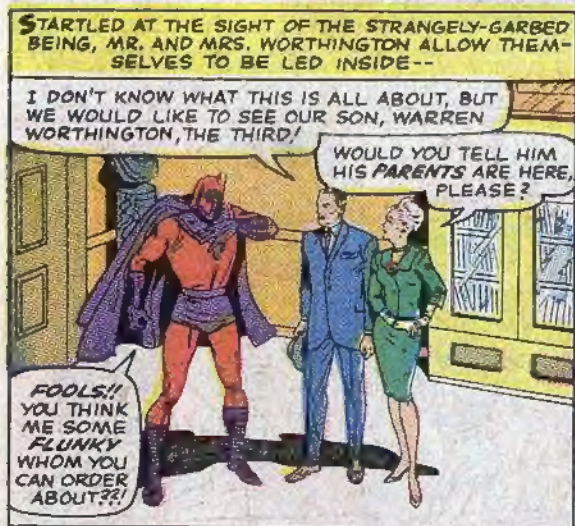
WHATEVER DOES NOT SERVE
MAGNETO, MUST BE DESTROYED!!
FOR, I AM SUPREME!



WAIT! THE SOUND OF A
CAR STOPPING IN THE
DRIVEWAY! I HAVE
VISITORS!



AS THE NEW
OWNER OF THIS
BUILDING, I MUST
GIVE THEM THE
PROPER
WELCOME!



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gather around for a close look—squirt a heavy stream of water in their face. Looks so real and so innocent, no one will suspect a thing till too late!



RAZZER

Here at last! The genuine rubber, raspberry blower! Cause an uproar in any classroom with blaring raspberry. When some long winded speaker takes too much time, blast his ears with a loud braying Bronx cheer. Howls of laughter and good natured grinning will be your reward. A real luff-getter!



POLICE WHISTLE

Blast their ears with this high-pitched, piercing whistle that sounds just like the real thing. Watch 'em duck for cover fast!

SHERIFF'S BADGE



BLACK-EYE PICTURE TUBE



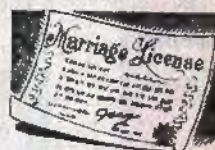
Ask someone if they want to SEE something funny. When they say they don't see anything, then tell them to look in the mirror. Everyone will ROAR.

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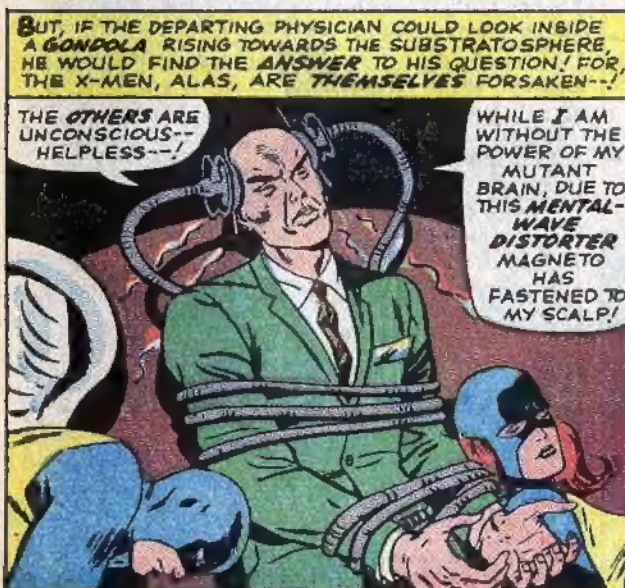
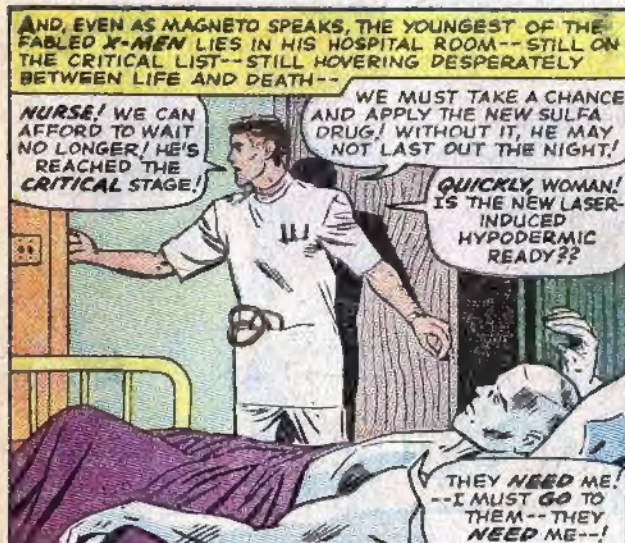
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THE MORE STRESS THAT I APPLY TO THE DISTORTER, THE MORE CHANCE THERE IS OF SMASHING IT! I CAN'T--LET MY OWN PAIN--HOLD ME BACK!



I DID IT! MY BRAIN IS UNSHACKLED!

ANGEL AND CYCLOPS ARE STILL UNCONSCIOUS --BUT THE BEAST AND MARVEL GIRL ARE MERELY DAZED!

I'LL USE THE POWER OF MY OWN MIND TO SNAP HANK AND JEAN OUT OF IT! THEN, WE'LL ATTEND TO THE OTHERS!



HANK! THIS IS PROFESSOR X! WAKE UP!

JEAN! YOU ARE UNINJURED! YOU MUST OPEN YOUR EYES!

PROFESSOR! I JUST REMEMBERED --MAGNETO IS ALIVE! HE'S RETURNED! I-I SAW HIM!

I KNOW, JEAN! HE TOOK US ALL BY SURPRISE, AND MANAGED TO IMPRISON US WITHIN THIS GONDOLA! WE'RE RISING HIGHER EVERY SECOND!

IT BEHOOVES US TO EVACUATE THIS CUBICLE BEFORE THE AIR IS DISSIPATED!

BUT OUR FIRST TASK AT HAND IS TO REVIVE SCOTT AND WARREN! YOU AND HANK SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!



YOU'RE RIGHT, HANK, BUT FIVE HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE! WE'VE GOT TO UTILIZE ALL OUR POWER--AND THAT MEANS SCOTT AND JEAN, TOO!

FIVE HEADS? ONE IS MISSING! WHAT ABOUT ICEMAN? DID HE EVADE MAGNETO'S TRAP?

HE'S STILL IN THE HOSPITAL, HANK! DON'T YOU REMEMBER? OH--SCOTT IS REVIVING!

EASY, BEASTIE-BOY--EASY! THE HEAD IS ATTACHED! IT'S NOT REMOVABLE!



IT LOOKS BAD, WARREN! WE'RE TOO HIGH FOR ME TO BLAST AN OPENING IN THE GONDOLA! WE'D LOSE OUR OXYGEN IN SECONDS!

BUT WE'RE DOOMED IF WE DON'T GET OUT!

PROFESSOR--HOW DID MAGNETO DO THIS TO US?? THE LAST WE SAW OF HIM, THE STRANGER WAS TAKING HIM TO ANOTHER GALAXY--FOREVER!*

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER, JEAN--IF WE SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH!



YOUR TONE SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT OUR PLIGHT IS HOPELESS!

*IN THE UNFORGETTABLE 15H*11, REMEMBER?--STAN.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE SCHOOL WHICH HE HAS TAKEN OVER, THE MIGHTY **MAGNETO** PUTS HIS MOST FANTASTIC PLAN INTO OPERATION! BY MERELY HARNESSING THE LIMITLESS MAGNETIC POWER HE POSSESSES, THE MAD MUTANT GOES TO WORK WITH A VENGEANCE IN THE LABORATORY OF PROFESSOR X--!

NO LONGER WILL I HAVE TO SEARCH FOR NEW MUTANTS!

AT LAST I HAVE THE MEANS TO BUILD A VAST ARMY OF THEM-- AN ARMY TO SERVE ONLY ME!

AND, IT HAS ALL BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE FATE LET THE **PARENTS** OF AN **X-MAN** FALL INTO MY HANDS!

THEY ARE ASLEEP IN THE ROOM NEXT DOOR--LITTLE DREAMING HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE TO MY PLANS!

FOR, KNOWING THAT **THEY** GAVE BIRTH TO A MUTANT, I SHALL SECRETLY ANALYZE THEIR **BODY CELLS**, AND **Duplicate** THEM--!

THUS, I'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE **ADDITIONAL** MUTANTS, USING THE SAME CELL PATTERNS! IT SHALL BE SIMPLICITY ITSELF!

WHEN I AM DONE, MY ARMY OF MUTANT SLAVES WILL BE LARGE ENOUGH TO EASILY CONQUER ANY FORCE THAT MANKIND CAN THROW AGAINST IT!

I CANNOT FAIL! BY MEANS OF THIS **SELECTOR PANEL**, I CAN EVEN CONTROL THE TYPE OF MUTATION I DESIRE! **NOTHING** CAN HALT MY MARCH TOWARDS WORLD DOMINATION NOW!

AND, AT THAT MOMENT, IN A SMALL GONDOLA, DRIFTING HIGHER AND HIGHER INTO THE LONELY SUBSTRATOSPHERE...!

TRY YOUR KINETIC POWER, JEAN! PERHAPS YOU CAN PUSH US DOWN AGAIN!

I'LL KEEP WATCH OUT HERE-- TO SEE IF IT WORKS!

BUT, WHAT IF I CAN'T DO IT, PROFESSOR?

IT'S GOT TO WORK, JEAN! THE OXYGEN CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER IN HERE!

THOU KIDS US NOT, SCOTTY!

WHILE MARVEL GIRL PREPARES TO FOCUS HER KINETIC POWER AT THE GONDOLA'S FLOOR, I'LL ATTEMPT TO MENTALLY LOCATE MAGNETO, AND SEE WHAT HE'S DOING!

SILENCE, PLEASE!

PROFESSOR! WHAT IS IT? I-I NEVER SAW YOU LOOK SO SHOCKED BEFORE!

IT'S THE ANGEL'S PARENTS! MAGNETO HAS CAPTURED THEM!

MY MOM AND DAD?? NO! IT CAN'T BE! NOT THEM!

EASY, WARREN! GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF! WE'LL FIND A WAY TO SAVE THEM--AND OURSELVES!

BUT HOW? HOW?

ICEMAN IS THE KEY! BACK AWAY, ALL OF YOU! I MUST THINK! NOW--!

SECONDS LATER, IN THE SILENT HOSPITAL ROOM, A BRISK COMMANDING THOUGHT FILLS THE AIR--!

BOBBY! BOBBY! THIS IS PROFESSOR X! CAN YOU READ ME? YOU'RE NEEDED, SON! YOU'RE NEEDED!

I--I READ YOU, SIR--!

I CAN TELL THAT THE SULFA DRUG HAS HELPED YOU! BUT, YOU'RE STILL WEAK! DON'T TRY TO TALK-- JUST FOLLOW MY ORDERS...!

LEAVE YOUR BED! SLOWLY--CAREFULLY--

YOU MUST LEAVE UNNOTICED! FORM AN ICE SLIDE AT THE WINDOW--!

NOW, EXTEND THE SLIDE AS YOU GO-- OVER THE ROOFTOPS --TOWARDS THE SCHOOL! GOOD! GOOD!

THEY NEED ME! THEY NEED ME!

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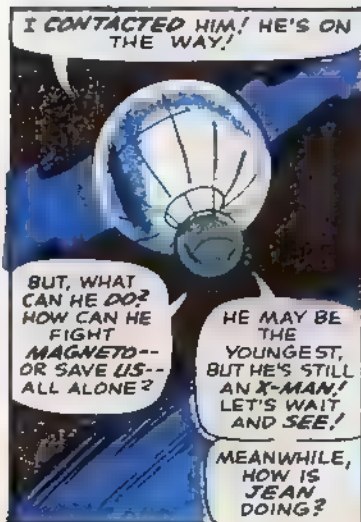
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I CONTACTED HIM! HE'S ON THE WAY!

BUT, WHAT CAN HE DO? HOW CAN HE FIGHT MAGNETO-- OR SAVE US-- ALL ALONE?

HE MAY BE THE YOUNGEST, BUT HE'S STILL AN X-MAN! LET'S WAIT AND SEE!

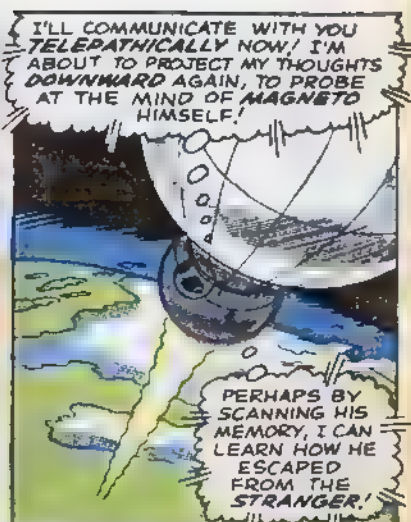
MEANWHILE, HOW IS JEAN DOING?



OUR ASCENT HAS HALTED! WE'RE NOT GOING ANY HIGHER!

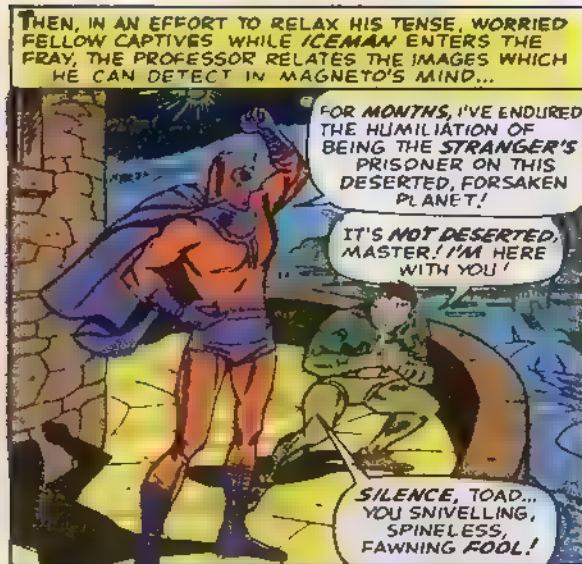
I-I'VE ENOUGH POWER TO STOP US FROM RISING-- BUT I CAN'T FORCE THE GONDOLA DOWN!

HOLD HER STEADY THEN! TRY NOT TO SPEAK-- WE MUST CONSERVE OUR OXYGEN!



I'LL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU TELEPATHICALLY NOW! I'M ABOUT TO PROJECT MY THOUGHTS DOWNWARD AGAIN, TO PROBE AT THE MIND OF MAGNETO HIMSELF!

PERHAPS BY SCANNING HIS MEMORY, I CAN LEARN HOW HE ESCAPED FROM THE STRANGER!

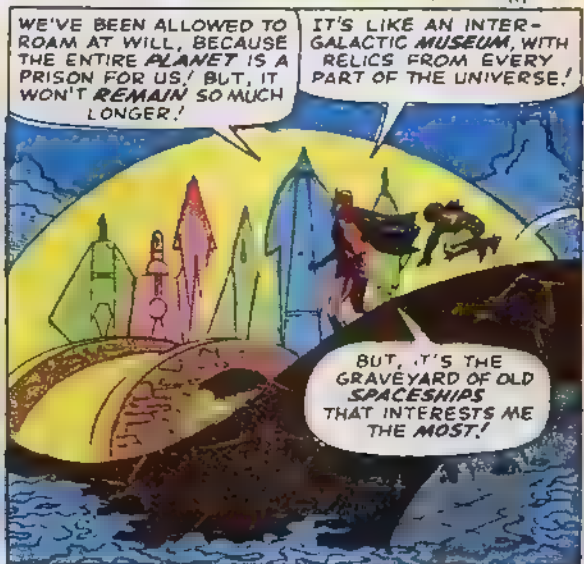


THEN, IN AN EFFORT TO RELAX HIS TENSE, WORRIED FELLOW CAPTIVES WHILE ICEMAN ENTERS THE FRAY, THE PROFESSOR RELATES THE IMAGES WHICH HE CAN DETECT IN MAGNETO'S MIND...

FOR MONTHS, I'VE ENDURED THE HUMILIATION OF BEING THE STRANGER'S PRISONER ON THIS DESERTED, FORSAKEN PLANET!

IT'S NOT DESERTED, MASTER! I'M HERE WITH YOU!

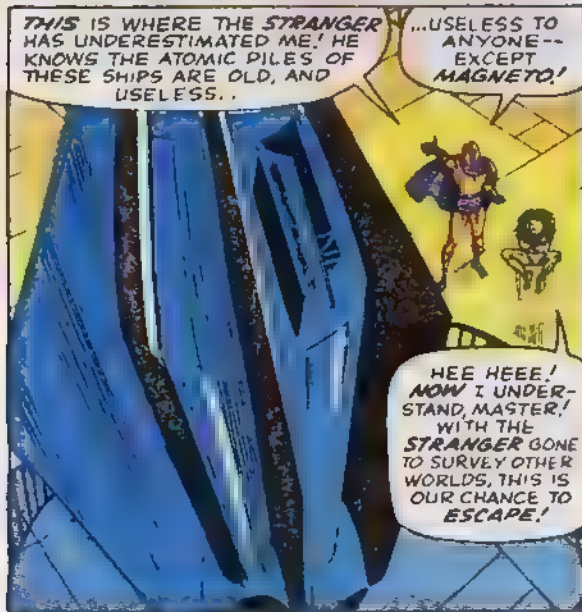
SILENCE, TOAD... YOU SNIVELLING, SPINELESS, FAWNING FOOL!



WE'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO ROAM AT WILL, BECAUSE THE ENTIRE PLANET IS A PRISON FOR US! BUT, IT WON'T REMAIN SO MUCH LONGER!

IT'S LIKE AN INTER-GALACTIC MUSEUM, WITH RELICS FROM EVERY PART OF THE UNIVERSE!

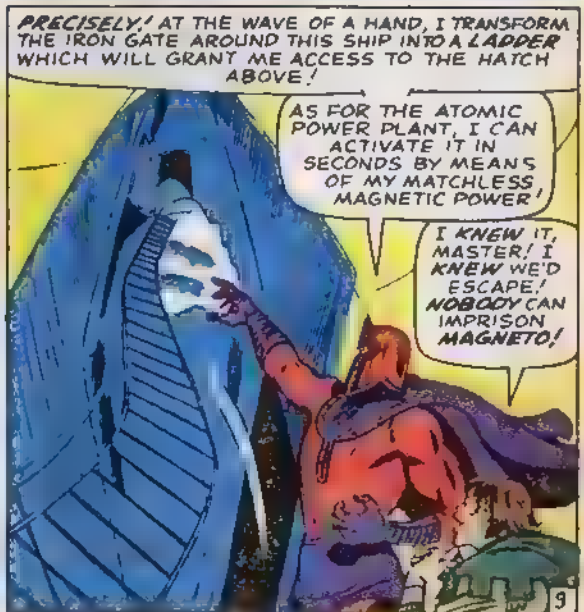
BUT, IT'S THE GRAVEYARD OF OLD SPACESHIPS THAT INTERESTS ME THE MOST!



THIS IS WHERE THE STRANGER HAS UNDERESTIMATED ME! HE KNOWS THE ATOMIC PILES OF THESE SHIPS ARE OLD, AND USELESS...

...USELESS TO ANYONE-- EXCEPT MAGNETO!

HEE HEE! NOW I UNDERSTAND, MASTER! WITH THE STRANGER GONE TO SURVEY OTHER WORLDS, THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE!



PRECISELY! AT THE WAVE OF A HAND, I TRANSFORM THE IRON GATE AROUND THIS SHIP INTO A LADDER WHICH WILL GRANT ME ACCESS TO THE HATCH ABOVE!

AS FOR THE ATOMIC POWER PLANT, I CAN ACTIVATE IT IN SECONDS BY MEANS OF MY MATCHLESS MAGNETIC POWER!

I KNEW IT, MASTER! I KNEW WE'D ESCAPE! NOBODY CAN IMPRISON MAGNETO!

YOU KNEW WE'D
ESCAPE!! YOU
BRAINLESS,
INCONSEQUENTIAL
CLOD! THIS IS
WHERE ONE LIKE
YOU BELONGS!

NO, MASTER
--NO! YOU
CAN'T
LEAVE ME
BEHIND!
MASTER--!

COME BACK,
MASTER--
COME
BACK--!

EVEN THE STRANGER, BRILLIANT
AND OMNIPOTENT AS HE IS,
UNDERESTIMATED MAGNETO'S
GREAT, INCALCULABLE POWER!

BUT NOW, THERE'S
NOT A MOMENT TO
LOSE! I MUST
CONTACT ICEMAN
AGAIN-- TO GIVE
HIM HIS FINAL
INSTRUCTION! AND
THEN-- THE MOST
IMPORTANT PART
OF ALL--

I'LL MARSHAL
ALL MY
REMAINING
STRENGTH--
HARNESS ALL
MY ENERGY--
FOR THE MOST
DIFFICULT
THOUGHT
PROTECTION
OF MY LIFE!

AS FOR THE REST OF
YOU--DO NOT SPEAK--
DO NOT MOVE-- WE
MUST NOT WASTE ONE
PRECIOUS IOTA OF OUR
REMAINING OXYGEN--!

BUT, PROFESSOR--
HOW CAN WE EXPECT
ICEMAN TO SUCCEED
AGAINST MAGNETO
WHEN WE'VE ALL
FAILED??

BOBBY WILL HAVE ONE
ADVANTAGE-- HE KNOWS
WHO THE ENEMY IS! NOW
SILENCE, ALL OF YOU!

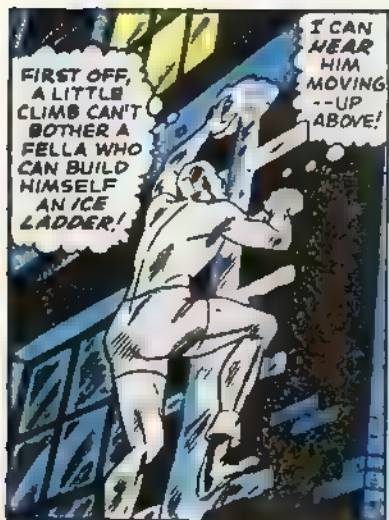
AND, MINUTES LATER, AN ICY, CRYSTALLINE FIGURE
GLIDES NOISELESSLY OVER THE WALL OF "PROFESSOR
XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS"!

THERE IS NO MORE
THAT I CAN TELL YOU,
ICEMAN! I MUST NOW
SEND MY THOUGHTS
ELSEWHERE! OUR
FATE IS IN YOUR
HANDS, BOBBY DRAKE!

I STILL FEEL KINDA WOOZY--
BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO
START PAMPERING MYSELF!

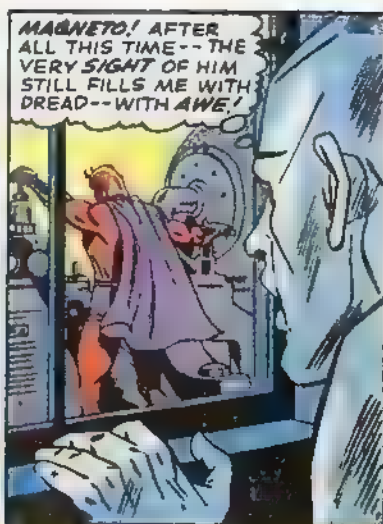
THERE'S A
LIGHT ON IN
THE LAB!
THAT MUST
BE WHERE
MAGNETO
IS!

I DON'T KNOW
IF I CAN STALL
HIM OR NOT,
BUT IF I FAIL,
IT WON'T BE
FOR LACK OF
TRYING!



FIRST OFF, A LITTLE CLIMB CAN'T BOTHER A FELLA WHO CAN BUILD HIMSELF AN ICE LADDER!

I CAN HEAR HIM MOVING --UP ABOVE!



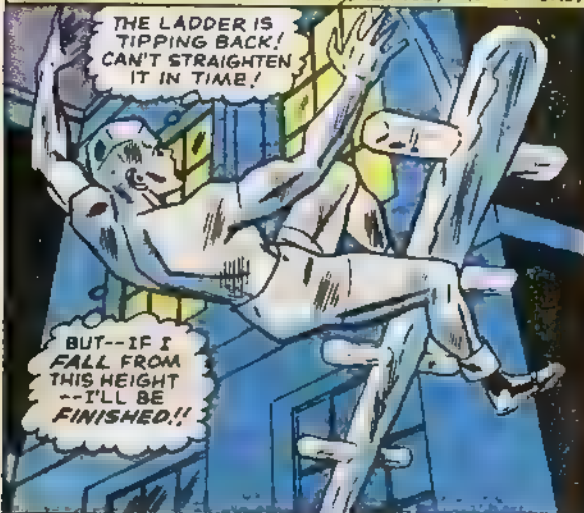
MAGNETO! AFTER ALL THIS TIME--THE VERY SIGHT OF HIM STILL FILLS ME WITH DREAD--WITH AWE!



THERE'S ALMOST NO LIMIT TO HIS POWER! WITH HIS STRENGTH, HIS BUILT-IN MAGNETISM, HE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

AND YET, I'VE GOT TO OVERCOME HIM--SOMEHOW!

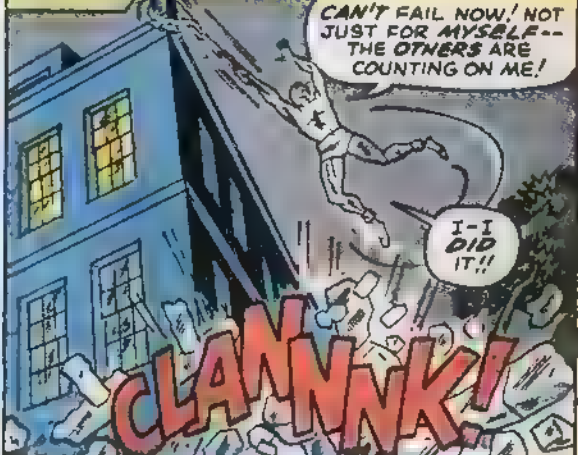
BUT, IN HIS WEAKENED CONDITION, THE VALIANT TEEN-AGER MOMENTARILY LOSES HIS BALANCE, AND TOTTERS!



THE LADDER IS TIPPING BACK! CAN'T STRAIGHTEN IT IN TIME!

BUT--IF I FALL FROM THIS HEIGHT --I'LL BE FINISHED!!

DESPERATELY, USING EVERY OUNCE OF STAMINA, EVERY BIT OF SKILL HE POSSESSES, ICEMAN WHIPS A THIN, FROZEN CABLE TOWARDS THE ROOFTOP--SNAGGING THE EDGE AT THE FINAL, FATEFUL SECOND--!

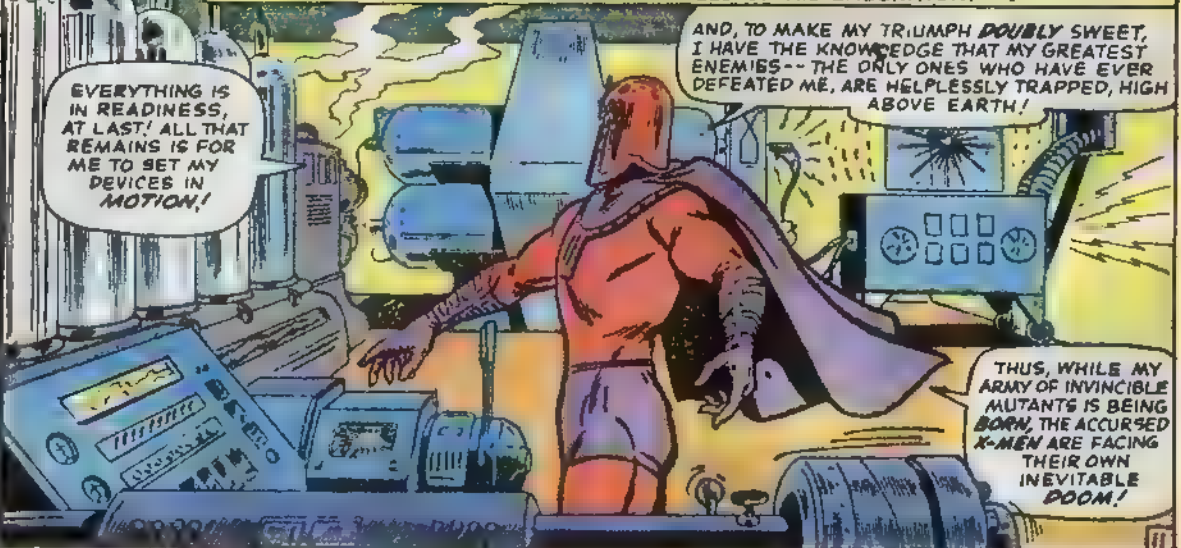


CAN'T FAIL NOW! NOT JUST FOR MYSELF--THE OTHERS ARE COUNTING ON ME!

I-I DID IT!!

CLANNNK!

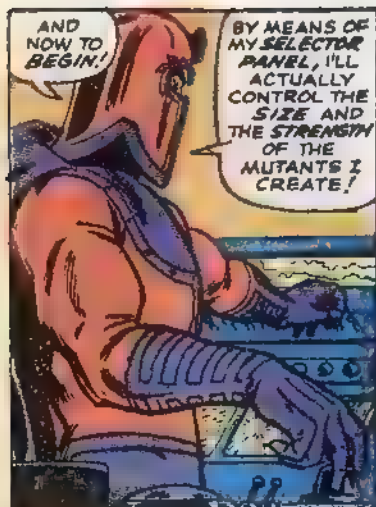
WHILE, INSIDE THE BUILDING, MAGNETO IS SO CONFIDENT OF HIS OWN SECURITY--SO WRAPPED UP IN HIS INCREDIBLE EXPERIMENTATION, THAT HE HEARS NOTHING--PERCEIVES NOTHING, SAVE WHAT OCCURS WITHIN THE WALLS OF HIS LABORATORY--!



EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS, AT LAST! ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR ME TO SET MY DEVICES IN MOTION!

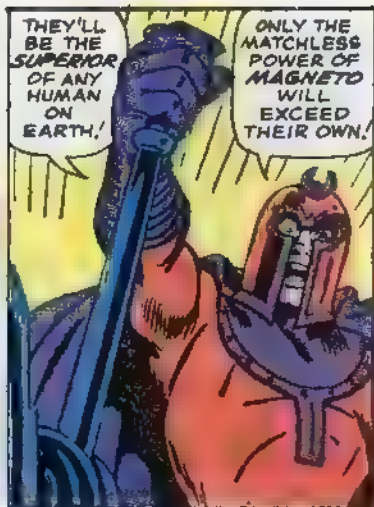
AND, TO MAKE MY TRIUMPH DOUBLY SWEET, I HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MY GREATEST ENEMIES--THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE EVER DEFEATED ME, ARE HELPESSLY TRAPPED, HIGH ABOVE EARTH!

THUS, WHILE MY ARMY OF INVINCIBLE MUTANTS IS BEING BORN, THE ACCURSED X-MEN ARE FACING THEIR OWN INEVITABLE DOOM!



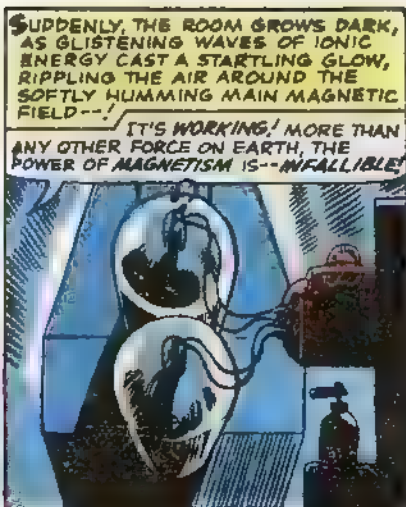
AND NOW TO BEGIN!

BY MEANS OF MY SELECTOR PANEL, I'LL ACTUALLY CONTROL THE SIZE AND THE STRENGTH OF THE MUTANTS I CREATE!



THEY'LL BE THE SUPERIOR OF ANY HUMAN ON EARTH!

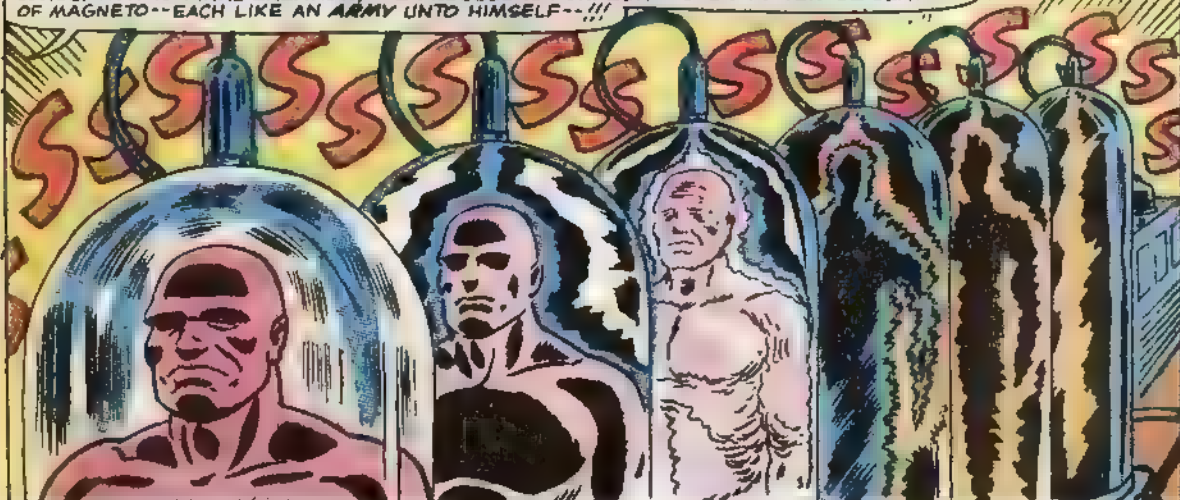
ONLY THE MATCHLESS POWER OF MAGNETO WILL EXCEED THEIR OWN!



SUDDENLY, THE ROOM GROWS DARK, AS GLISTENING WAVES OF IONIC ENERGY CAST A STARTLING GLOW, RIPPLING THE AIR AROUND THE SOFTLY HUMMING MAIN MAGNETIC FIELD--!

IT'S WORKING! MORE THAN ANY OTHER FORCE ON EARTH, THE POWER OF MAGNETISM IS--INFALLIBLE!

AND NOW, MY MUTANT PRODUCTION LINE IS BEGINNING TO TAKE FORM! FROM ORIGINAL CONCEPTION TO FINAL CREATION, THE PROCESS IS PERFECT! SUPER-POWERFUL SLAVES OF MAGNETO--EACH LIKE AN ARMY UNTO HIMSELF--!!!

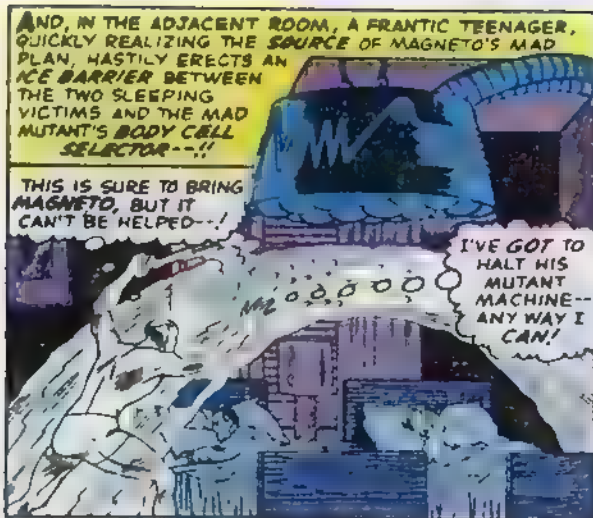


I'LL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE THEM-- IN THE TENS--HUNDREDS--THOUSANDS--MILLIONS-- UNTIL THEIR NUMBER IS INCALCULABLE!! THEY'LL OVER-RUN THE EARTH--CONQUERING ALL--IN THE NAME OF MAGNETO!!



BUT, SUDDENLY--

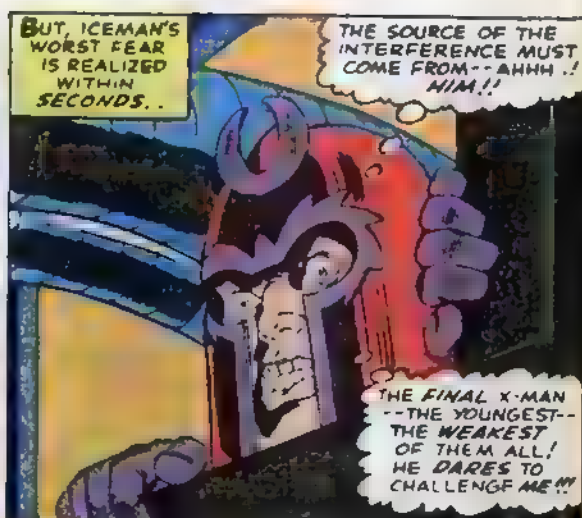
THE PROCESS HAS BEEN HALTED!! IT ISN'T POSSIBLE-- AND YET--SOMEONE--OR SOMETHING--IS FIGHTING ME!



AND, IN THE ADJACENT ROOM, A FRANTIC TEENAGER, QUICKLY REALIZING THE SOURCE OF MAGNETO'S MAD PLAN, HASTILY ERECTS AN ICE BARRIER BETWEEN THE TWO SLEEPING VICTIMS AND THE MAD MUTANT'S BODY CELL SELECTOR--!!

THIS IS SURE TO BRING MAGNETO, BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED--!

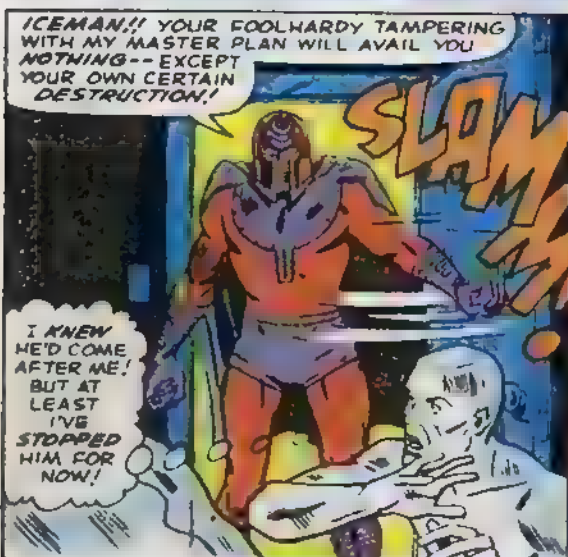
I'VE GOT TO HALT HIS MUTANT MACHINE-- ANY WAY I CAN!



BUT, ICEMAN'S WORST FEAR IS REALIZED WITHIN SECONDS..

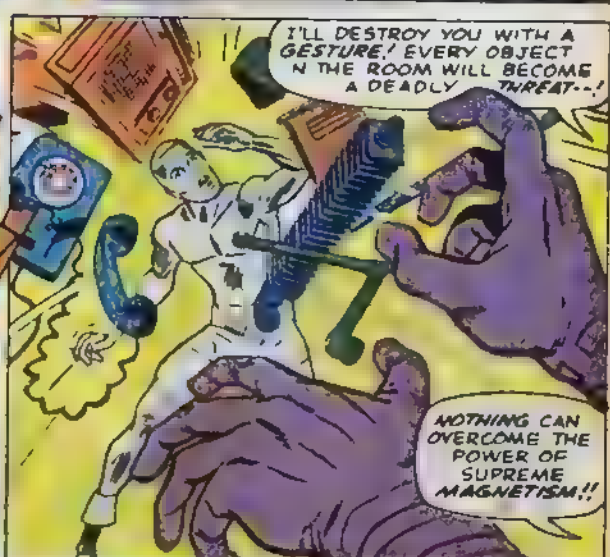
THE SOURCE OF THE INTERFERENCE MUST COME FROM-- AH!! HIM!!

THE FINAL X-MAN --THE YOUNGEST-- THE WEAKEST OF THEM ALL! HE DARES TO CHALLENGE ME!!



ICEMAN!! YOUR FOOLHARDY TAMPERING WITH MY MASTER PLAN WILL AVAIL YOU NOTHING-- EXCEPT YOUR OWN CERTAIN DESTRUCTION!!

I KNEW HE'D COME AFTER ME! BUT AT LEAST I'VE STOPPED HIM FOR NOW!



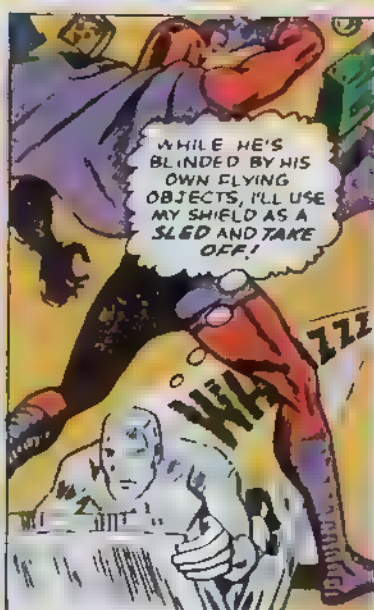
I'LL DESTROY YOU WITH A GESTURE! EVERY OBJECT IN THE ROOM WILL BECOME A DEADLY THREAT--!

NOTHING CAN OVERCOME THE POWER OF SUPREME MAGNETISM!!



NO? HOW ABOUT A QUICKLY FORMED ICE SHIELD BRAGGART?

BUT, THIS WON'T HOLD HIM OFF FOR LONG! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST!



WHILE HE'S BLINDED BY HIS OWN FLYING OBJECTS, I'LL USE MY SHIELD AS A SLED AND TAKE OFF!



YOU YOUNG FOOL! DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY PLACE IN THIS BUILDING-- ANY PLACE ON EARTH-- WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM ME?!

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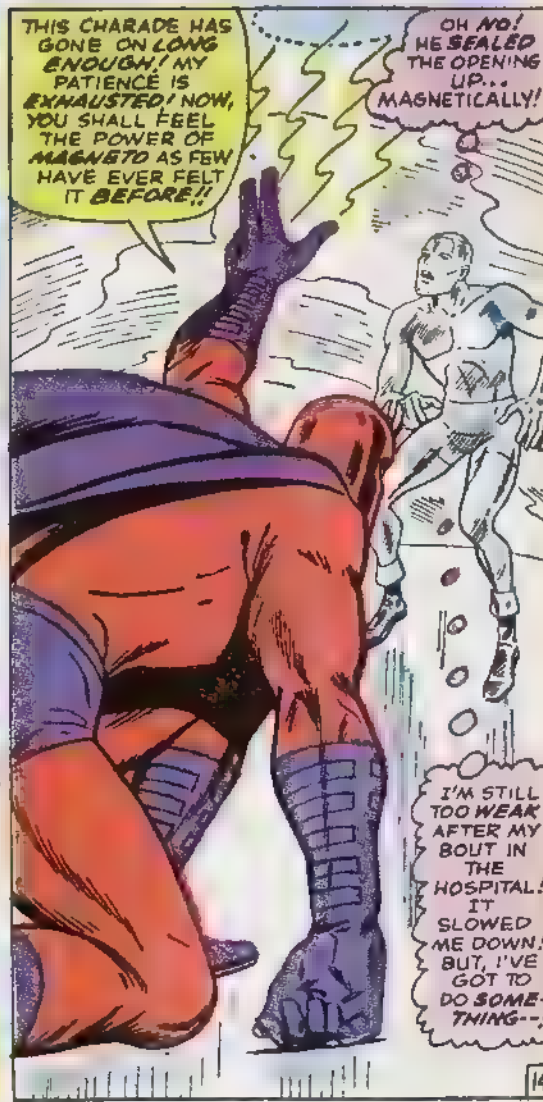
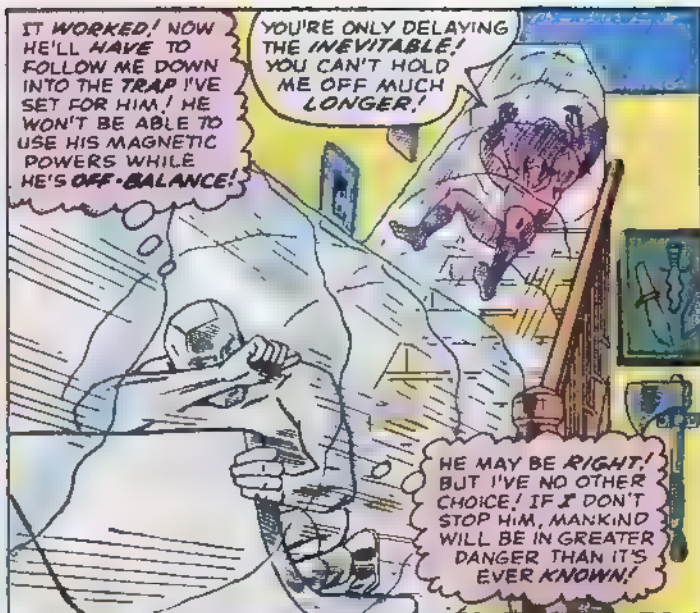
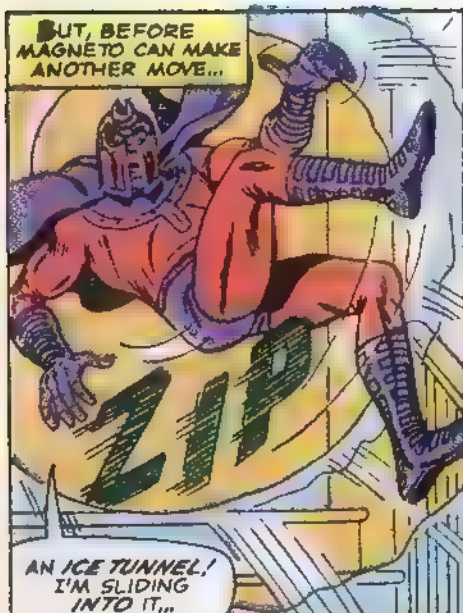
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AND, AS OUR SENSATIONAL SAGA REACHES ITS SPINE-CHILLING CLIMAX...

ICEMAN IS IN DESPERATE DANGER! WE CAN DELAY NO LONGER--!

MARVEL GIRL! STAND BACK! ONLY THE POWER OF CYCLOPS CAN BRING US TO EARTH IN TIME!

HIS FORCE BEAM? HOW CAN THAT DO IT?

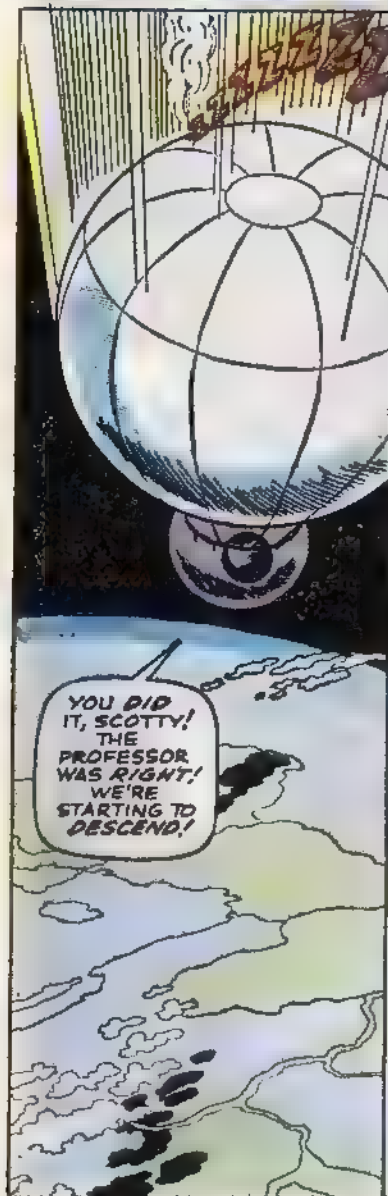
CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH! OXYGEN--ALMOST DEPLETED! HAVE WE-- ENOUGH TIME--?

WE'LL MAKE TIME! WHAT SHALL I DO, PROFESSOR?

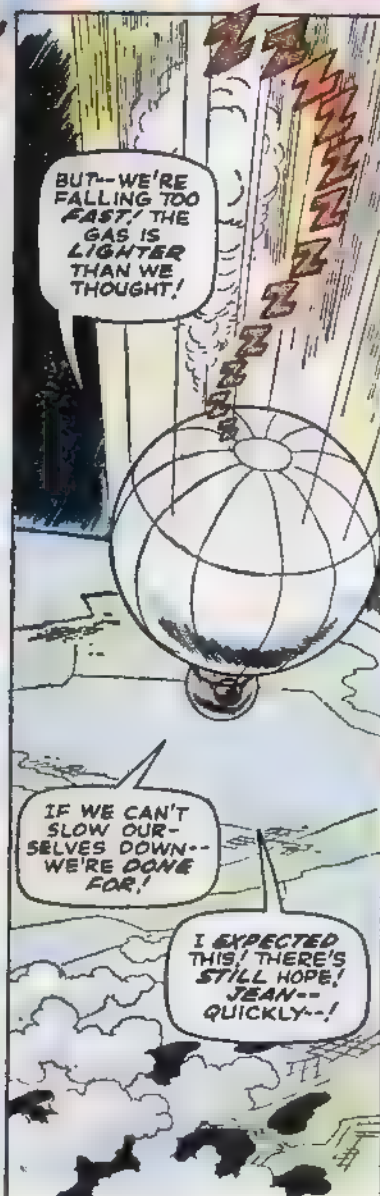
FOCUS YOUR BEAM ON PRECISELY THE SPOT I AM MENTALLY INDICATING!

PERFECT! NOW--CONDENSE IT TO PIN-POINT INTENSITY! YOU MUST MAKE THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE HOLE IN THE GAS BALLOON ABOVE US!

I UNDERSTAND! JUST ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE GAS TO LEAK OUT SLOWLY, SO WE DON'T HAVE A FATAL CRASH! HERE GOES--!



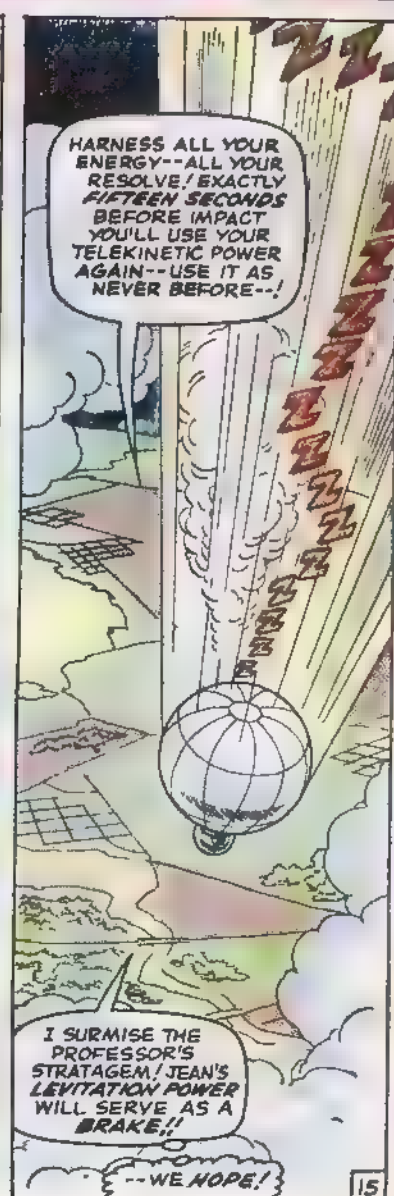
YOU DID IT, SCOTTY! THE PROFESSOR WAS RIGHT! WE'RE STARTING TO DESCEND!



BUT--WE'RE FALLING TOO FAST! THE GAS IS LIGHTER THAN WE THOUGHT!

IF WE CAN'T SLOW OURSELVES DOWN--WE'RE DONE FOR!

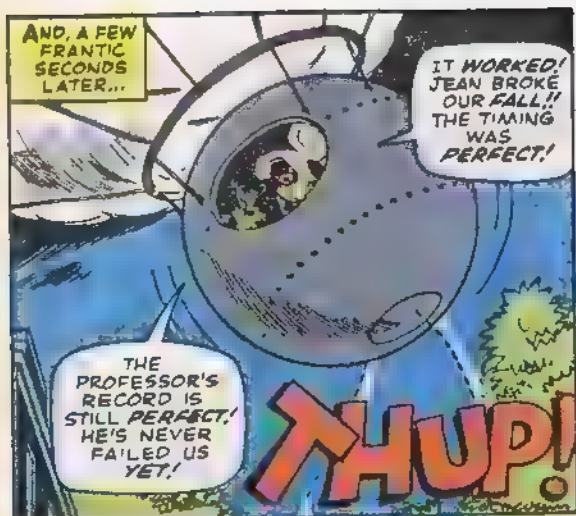
I EXPECTED THIS! THERE'S STILL HOPE! JEAN-- QUICKLY--!



HARNESS ALL YOUR ENERGY--ALL YOUR RESOLVE! EXACTLY FIFTEEN SECONDS BEFORE IMPACT YOU'LL USE YOUR TELEKINETIC POWER AGAIN--USE IT AS NEVER BEFORE--!

I SURMISE THE PROFESSOR'S STRATAGEM! JEAN'S LEVITATION POWER WILL SERVE AS A BRAKE!!

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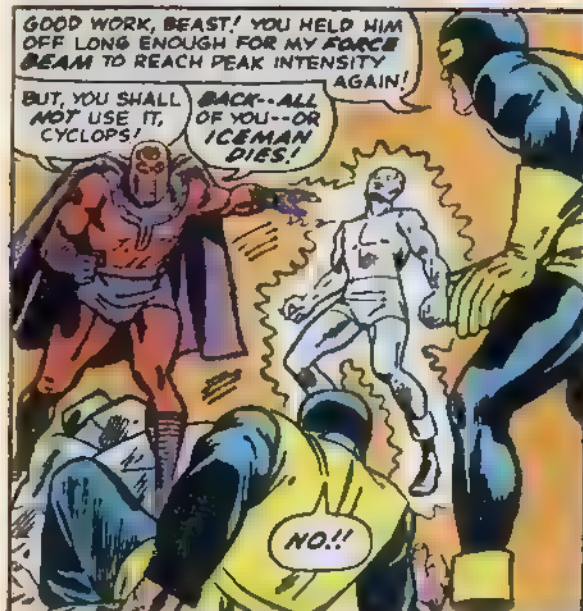
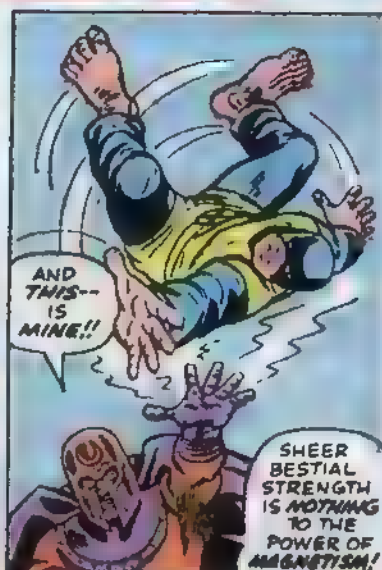
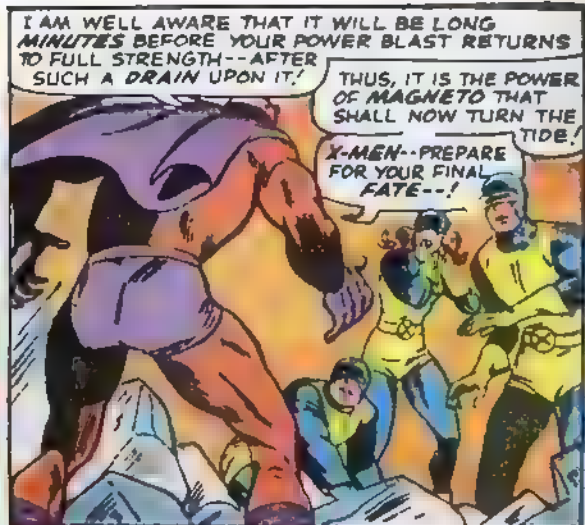
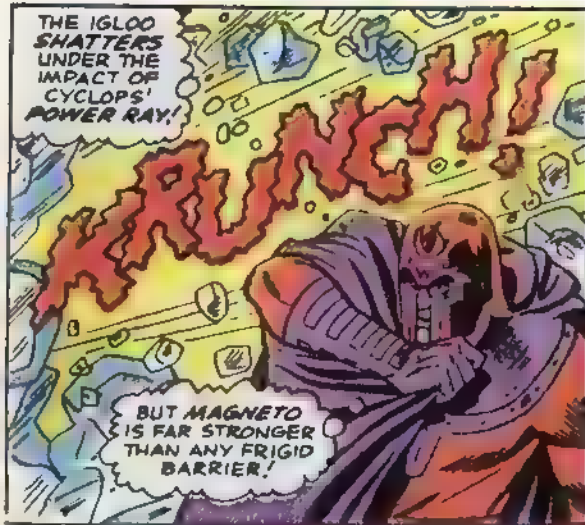
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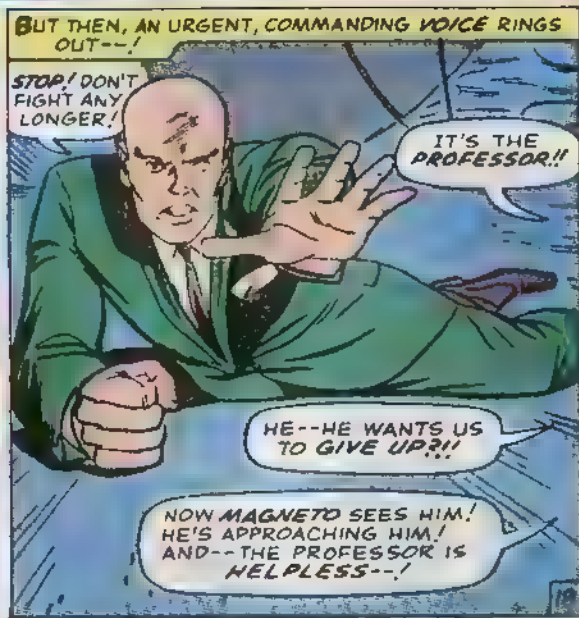
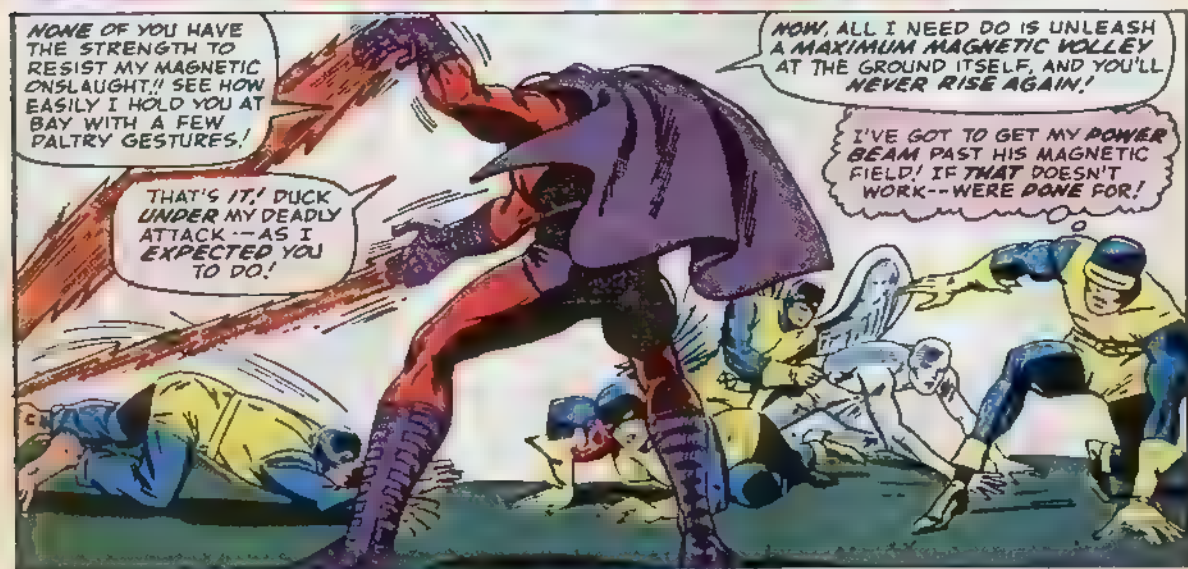
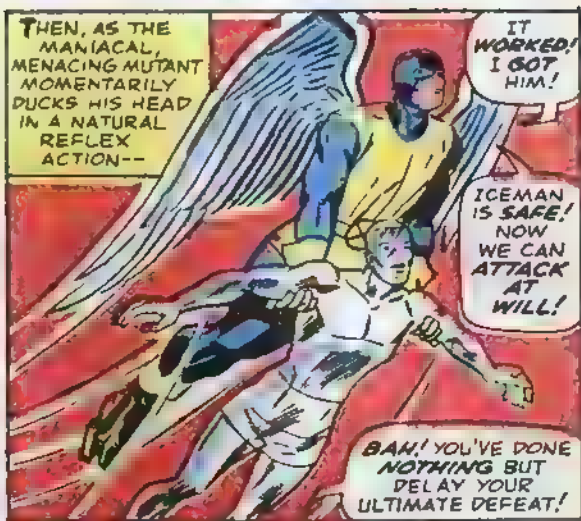
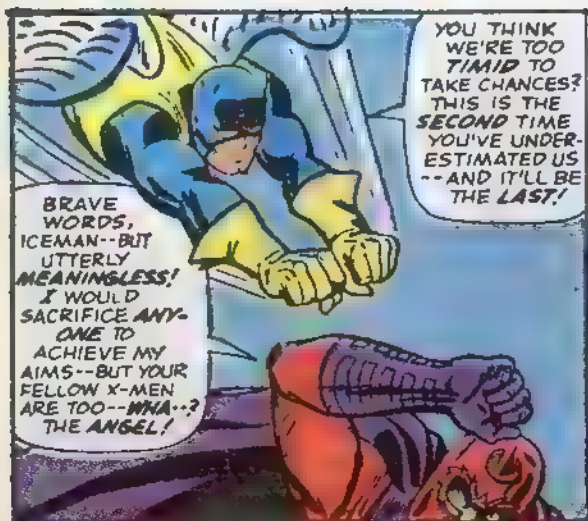
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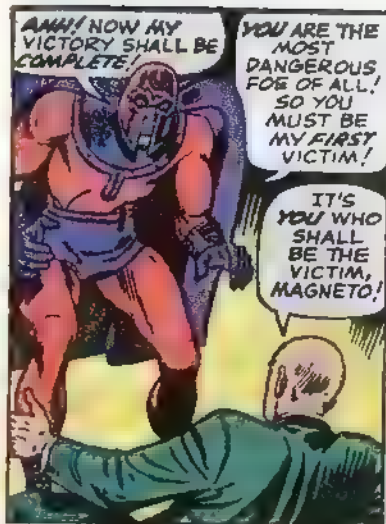
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LOOK ABOVE YOU--AND SEE YOUR FATE!

IT WON'T WORK! I CAN'T BE TRICKED SO EASILY!



IT'S NO TRICK, MADMAN! I KNEW THERE WAS ONE SURE WAY TO DEFEAT YOU--AND ONLY I COULD ACCOMPLISH IT! SO, WHILE MY VALIANT X-MEN HELD YOU AT BAY--



--I SENT MY THOUGHTS OUT INTO THE INFINITE --AND FINALLY FOUND THE ONE I SOUGHT--!

YOU WEREN'T LYING! IT-IT'S THE STRANGER! HE'S COMING FOR ME AGAIN!

HE MUSTN'T GET ME! HE MUSTN'T!



THEN--THAT'S WHAT THE PROFESSOR MEANT BY THE MOST DIFFICULT THOUGHT PROJECTION OF HIS LIFE!

MAGNETO'S MAGNA-CAR WAS NEARBY! HE'S GONE!

BUT THE STRANGER CHANGED COURSE! HE'S GOING AFTER HIM!

I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?



I'D BETTER RECONNOITER AND-- EUREKA!!

WHAT'S TRANSPIRING IN THERE!

IT'S WARREN'S PARENTS! I PUT A PROTECTIVE ICE SHIELD OVER THEM! ARE THEY OKAY, HANK?

AS FAR AS I CAN TELL!



I'VE GOT TO SEE THEM! IF THEY'VE BEEN HARMED BY MAGNETO--!!!

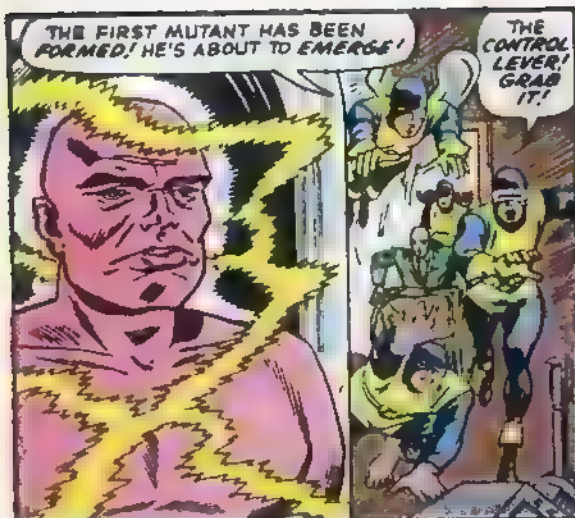
THAT STEADY HUM! IT'S MAGNETO'S MUTANT-CREATING MACHINE!

NO SWEAT, WARREY! THEY'RE OKAY-- HONEST!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND IT--AND SMASH IT!

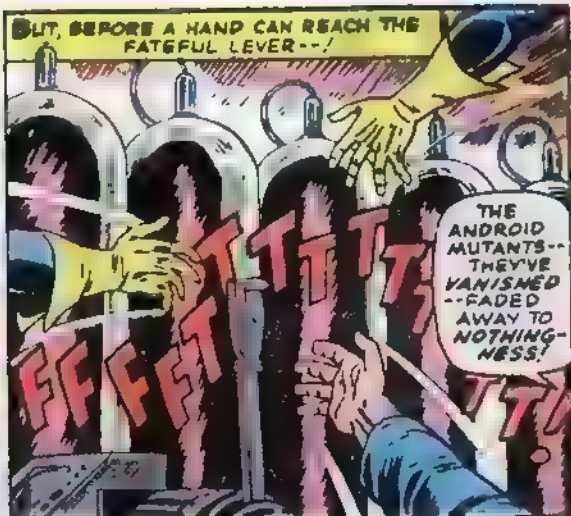
IT'S DIRECTLY AHEAD, SCOTTY!

...HUMMMMMMM



THE FIRST MUTANT HAS BEEN FORMED! HE'S ABOUT TO EMERGE!

THE CONTROL LEVER! GRAB IT!

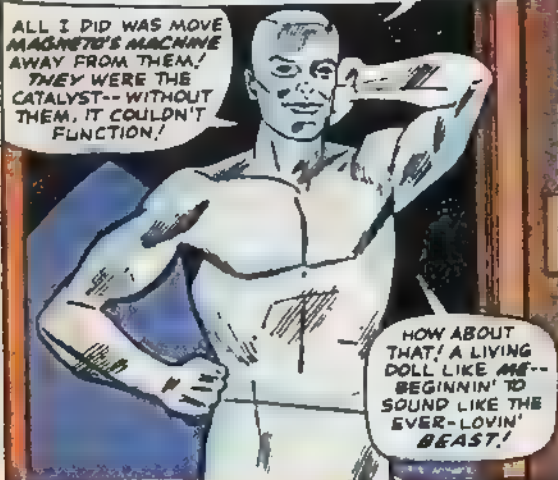


THE ANDROID MUTANTS-- THEY'VE VANISHED --FADED AWAY TO NOTHINGNESS!

BUT, BEFORE A HAND CAN REACH THE FATEFUL LEVER--!

NATURALLY! WHILE YOU ALL RAN IN HERE, YOUR FAITHFUL FROSTBITTEN FRIEND ZIPPED UPSTAIRS TO WHERE WARREYS PARENTS ARE--!

ALL I DID WAS MOVE MAGNETO'S MACHINE AWAY FROM THEM! THEY WERE THE CATALYST-- WITHOUT THEM, IT COULDN'T FUNCTION!

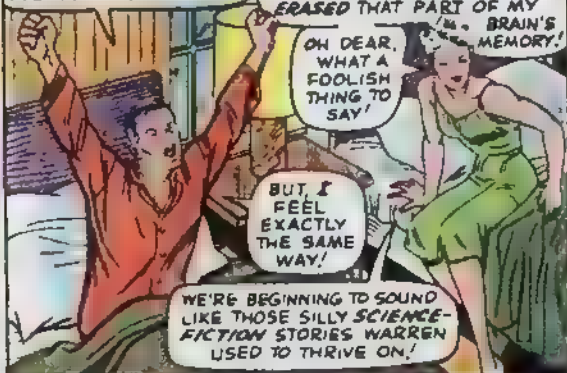


HOW ABOUT THAT! A LIVING DOLL LIKE ME-- BEGINNIN' TO SOUND LIKE THE EVER-LOVIN' BEAST!

THEN, WITH THE THREAT FINALLY OVER--THE X-MEN SET TO WORK WITH A WILL, REPAIRING EVERYTHING REPAIRABLE--AND CONCEALING EVERYTHING ELSE! THUS, WHEN MR. AND MRS. WORTHINGTON FINALLY AWAKE, THE NEXT MORNING...

MAAAA MAAA! THE MOST RESTFUL NIGHT'S SLEEP I'VE HAD IN A LONG TIME!

ME TOO, DEAR! STRANGE-- I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT LAST NIGHT! IT'S AS THOUGH SOMEONE SIMPLY ERASED THAT PART OF MY BRAIN'S MEMORY!



OH DEAR, WHAT A FOOLISH THING TO SAY!

BUT, I FEEL EXACTLY THE SAME WAY!

WE'RE BEGINNING TO SOUND LIKE THOSE SILLY SCIENCE-FICTION STORIES WARREN USED TO THRIVE ON!

AND, A SHORT TIME LATER...

MOM! DAD! I COULDN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO WAKE UP! GOSH, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU!

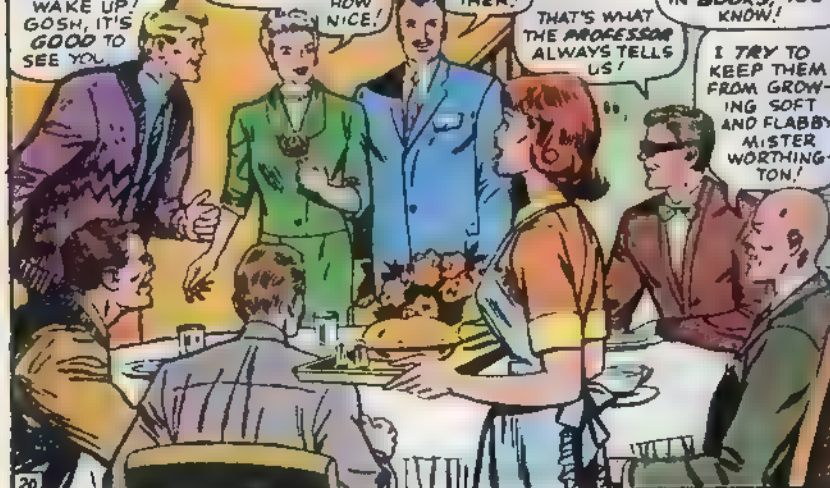
OH, YOU'VE ALL RETURNED FROM YOUR FIELD TRIP! HOW NICE!

I'M GLAD YOU SCHEDULE THOSE FIELD TRIPS, PROFESSOR! YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A LITTLE EXERCISE NOW AND THEN!

THAT'S WHAT THE PROFESSOR ALWAYS TELLS US!

THEY CAN'T GET IN SHAPE FOR THE WORLD OUTSIDE BY BURYING THEMSELVES ONLY IN BOOKS, YOU KNOW!

I TRY TO KEEP THEM FROM GROWING SOFT AND FLABBY, MISTER WORTHINGTON!



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HOW ABOUT THAT! Have you noticed how everybody seems to be talking about Marvel lately? Or smilin' Stan was interviewed on the Tony Martin radio program. The World Today (Mutual Network) in the early part of October and has a number of other radio interviews scheduled as well. The Sept. 65 ish of ESQUIRE included the Hulk and Spider among the 28 people who count most on campus! Other national mags too numerous to mention here have also been spreading the word about Marvel. We many co-gate publications (including U.S.A. and PULPIT) have asked for permission to do write-ups about the merry Marvel craze which is sweeping fandom. We kinda thought you madcap Marvelites would like to know the company you're in.

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STRICTLY PERSONAL! STAN G. our curly haired, mustached demon artist, our first has just drawn and for one of the biggest soft drink companies. Its initials are No Cal! If you're in the Times Square area you can see it on the biggest billboard in sight. Otherwise you'll have to wait till it gets to your neck of the woods. But you can't fail to recognize it in the gas look like the dolls from the MILLIE THE MODEL mag—which Stan draws, natch! How many of you know that MICKEY SPILLANE the world famous author of the MIKE HAMMER series used to scribble scripts for the Marvel bullpen? In fact Mike once advised Stan to take a comic script, jazz it up, just a bit and he'd end up with a swashbuckler novel! We maybe one of these days. Remember a Bill Everett? The Golden Age great who created SUBMARINER and who also did the first ish of DAREDEVIL? Bill is hankering to rejoin the bullpen again on a permanent basis and we're all hoping he will! His style is as exciting as KIRBY's as different as DIT

KO's and as unforgettable as AUSTIN! More about Bill later. ... ROY THOMAS our newest Marvel maniac is probably the only editorial staffer who can read hieroglyphics. (Although it's been so long since he tried that he now claims he can just barely remember the diff between an owl and an 'owl'. Next week we're gonna try him on Sanskrit! (Although who could tell if he did it right or not?)

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Let's meet 26 more M.M.M.S. members!

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THE WRAP-UP! Since we've just about run out of room, we'll leave you now with these imperishable words of Irving Forbush.

Maybe a Marvel mag isn't as edifying as the complete works of Shakespeare, but it's a lot easier to carry! So, in the name of erudition, MAKE MINE MARVEL! Nuff said, efionado!

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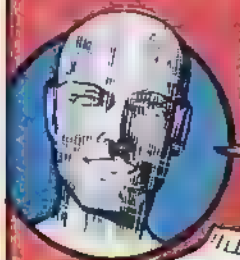
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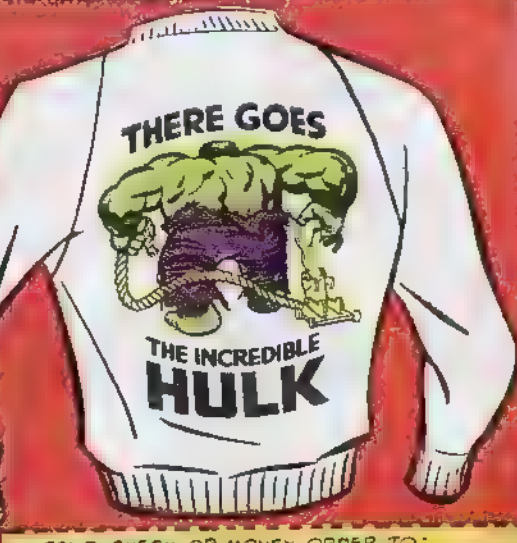
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Dear Stan and Jay,

I never saw such art from Marvel! X-MEN #15 was a wreck. If you don't have good art, you don't have a good mag. On the first page you had "X-Men, the Most Unusual Fighting Team of All Time!" Didn't you know it's the "Most Unusual Teenagers of All Time"? Marvel Girl looked about as feminine as the Hulk. Cyclops treats the other X-Men like they were Howlers and he was Sgt. Fury! Iceman's art was the worst of all—he should never have features, such as eyes, when he is iced up. If Marvel Girl doesn't stop insulting the Beast, he may give her a dearly needed spanking! And I hope he does! One more thing, why didn't the Beast and Iceman break out of that glass cage they were in?

Fred Langford, 309 North West 9th
Dimmitt, Texas 79027

If you're such a know-it-all about everything else, Freddie, you might as well figure that one out too! And if Marvel Girl looked as feminine as the Hulk to you, remind us never to ask you to judge any bullpen beauty contests! *Cheese!* (Now don't get the idea we're mad—it's just that we always thought the Hulk was lots prettier!)



Dear Stan and Jay,

Firstly, I'd like to say that your mags are the best anywhere. I started to read them when I lived in Canada, and I still read them here in Japan. There's one problem, though—the average number of your comics that come out here every month is very low. I really know good stories when I see them. I like X-MEN, FF, SPIDEY, and DAREDEVIL. Please send more mags over here. Also, do you give no-prizes to people who try to get others to enjoy Marvel? I've tried to translate your mags to my friends!

Yuta Funasaka, 75 Higashi-Ogi Machi
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No-prize nothin', Yuta! We're sending you a complimentary subscription to X-MEN, as a slight reward for your translating chores! But, we didn't know one had to try to get people to enjoy Marvel! We thought all human beings were born with that happy faculty!

Dear Stan and Jay,

I've deciphered your reason for putting out the X-MEN and DAREDEVIL monthly. You're finally receiving enough fan mail for a monthly two-page spread instead of once every two months. Just this month you used 66 letters in your nine super-hero mags and SGT FURY. Keep it up! Twenty pages of story and two letters pages are ten times more entertaining than twenty-two story pages—all your tales should be run through the collective id of us frantic fans. X-MEN #14 for instance: the Sentinels are in every way worthy foes of the X-Men and Professor Xavier, but don't have them stop the Sentinels by turning off their control studs. You've used that gimmick in SPIDER-MAN #16 and AVENGERS #11 and #18. 'Nuff said! X-Men artwork was perfect in #12 but slipped in

#14. Is it true that you only read mail written on Marvel stationery? By way of variety, give Dr. Strange some new incantations, like "By the Oranges of Hieronymus Bosch!"

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Sure! Sure! And you'll probably see us the minute we use it! Of course it isn't true that we only read mail written on Marvel stationery! So far we've read mirthful missives penned on the back of shopping bags, pawn tickets, old report cards, paper towels, and Brand Ehhh rejection slips! But, we will admit that it doesn't exactly make us angry when we see a letter written on our own swingin' stationery—in fact, it veritably warms the cockles of our avaricious little hearts, Glenn!

Dear Stan and Jay,

The way you put off these romances kills me. To fix that problem, if you please, do as I say. As you remember, in X-MEN #8 Cyclops said about Marvel Girl, "If only I could tell her the words I really want to say, how silken her hair is, how gorgeous her lips are, how I love her!" Now I guess you know what I want. I want Cyclops to marry Marvel Girl. I know you're good guys, but if you don't do this I will never write to you again. If you do not let them get married, you'll be sorry!

Robert Paron, 91 Duymar
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We're not stopping them, Bobby, honest! But, they've been kinda busy with other things lately—things like saving the world from utter annihilation—and sundry other irritating distractions! Y'know how it is, pal—the way the world is shook-up today, things are kinda hectic in the super-hero line! But, be of good cheer—if they ever take a vacation—look out!



Dear Stan and Jay,

I just picked up the latest ish of X-MEN and also your surprise goodie MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS. Believe me, and you better believe me, it was absolutely one of your greatest annuals ever. I can't understand how you guys in the bullpen could keep something this big so quiet. And here I was thinking that you couldn't keep a secret. Well, you asked for letters, so let's start out by saying that the F.F. story was great! About the newest X-MEN—it was marvelous. You've been giving Professor X the limelight lately. That's the way I like it. All in all, the story was X-cellent!

Steve Newman, 3310 Kossuth Ave.
Bronx, N.Y. 10467

Our sentiments, x-actly, Steverino! And, we're glad you latched onto our MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS. It may have been a surprise to you, but we've been kicking the idea around for months, and it sure looks as though we've come up with a winner! We've gotten tons of enthusiastic mail about the mag, and don't even have a letters page for it yet! (But, just wait!) Now let's see—what were we talking about? Oh yee—the X-Men—!



Dear Stan and Jay,

X-MEN #14 was the best I've ever read, and Jay's art was great. But I have a question about the Angel. In X-MEN #14, Iceman asked him why his parents didn't know about his wings, and the Angel said that they didn't sprout until he was at military school. If this is true, then he is not a mutant! A mutant is a person born with powers derived of Homo Sapiens, right? But if Warren wasn't born with wings (his source of power), he isn't a mutant! Let's see you get out of this one! And thanks for making THE X-MEN mouthy. Tom Falzone, 6906 St. Clair Cleveland 3, Ohio

You're welcome, Tommy, you're welcome! Just between us, tiger, we're not the world's greatest authorities on mutants! In fact, we can't think of a single muttie whom we know personally! But, how's this for a guess, in answer to your query—Warren was born with his mutant power—but it simply took his wings (which he was born with) about 13 years to sprout! If we're wrong, forgive us! We think we're adorable—but Charles Darwin we ain't!

Dear Stan and Jay,

I never have read about girls writing to you, so here's one. I've been reading THE X-MEN, AVENGERS, and F.F. for the past two years and they are great. I think the X-Men are the greatest, because they have the most interesting powers. One question, though—how come you don't act sober?? (I mean, how come you act so silly?) I mean this for the cover and letter section and all over the place! The X-Men are serious, for they are fighting for freedom. You seem to make fun of the idea of mutants, super-powers, or something. I'm sure your other readers will disagree with me, but I have my own opinion.

Laura Hartsock, c/o Capt. F. E. Hartsock, 60th MP Det. 2nd MP Grp. APO, New York, N.Y. 09185

Where! You sure do, Laurie! We're sorry about acting so silly, pussycat! Actually, we always thought we gave the impression of being extravagantly erudite, supremely sophisticated, and compulsively cultured! But, it just goes to show ya—no matter how we phrase it, it just comes out "silly"!

Dear Stan and Jay,

I've been reading your comics for about a year and thirteen months, and I agree with a lot of your other readers that your comics have no competitors. I didn't really write this letter to tell you how long I've been reading your mags. I really wrote it to tell you that I have just finished reading X-MEN #15 and I thought it was so good—well, it was simply beyond description. Boy, have you guys got your work cut out for you now that the X-Men are pinned to the floor by a powerful gravity ray and the Sentinels are closing in on them. If I'm not asking too much, will you please make X-MEN #16 better than #15? There's one more thing I want to say before I sign off—why don't you let the Stranger make a comeback? I think he's the best villain you have ever put in an X-Men adventure.

Allen Fugua, 4343 Monroe Kansas City, Mo.

Well, Al, ol' Strangey came back for a fleeting second in this ish, and there's always the chance that he'll be making a still more prominent appearance later on—if Jay can remember what he looked like! 'Twas nice of you to say that we haven't any competition, but we wish someone would tell us who's publishing all those other mags we keep seeing on the racks!

Dear Stan and Jay,

As you can see, I am one of the sophisticated Marchers, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great service you are providing for us. What's the service, you ask? It is giving us those great mags. They serve a dual purpose from my point of view. Each story is a moral in disguise. Most of us read the story for the pure enjoyment of it—and surely, after a long day of school, we need it! I envy your extraordinary talents for producing these fantastic mags. I know they keep my spirits up and jumping. I can only say, keep up the excellent work. So until the Angel molts, Namor turns green, and Spidey falls off a wall, "Make Mine Marvel!"

Billy April, 88 Clifton Ave. Brockton, Mass. 02401

Thanks for the kind words, Billy boy! All we wanna know now is—if we're so chicken-scratchin' great, how come the Treasury Department doesn't make the purchase of our magnificent mags a tax-deductible item? In other words—who goofed?



Dear Stan and Jay,

I've just finished reading X-MEN #15. It was absolutely great. ("Great" doesn't describe the story, but I couldn't think of a better word for "Prisoners of the Mysterious Master Mold!") Please don't ruin the stories by carrying out the romance between Scott and Jean. It didn't do Spider-Man any good to mush up his stories. Getting around to the cover, it was absolutely great, but how about a little more color in future issues from now on? Keep up the "great" work—nuff said!

Steve McCutcheon, 6030 Eckleson St. Lakewood, Calif. 90713

More color? You gotta be kiddin', Steve! We tossed in everything but the kitchen sink! We had colors we don't even know the names of! Anyhow, what about the cover of ish #17? We made it all red—and you'll probably never talk to us again! By the way, you may think a romance between Scotty and Jean would ruin the stories—and we might think so—but, we'll betcha if you asked them—!

Dear Stan and Jay,

X-MEN #15, in my opinion, was one of the best I've read yet. But I've got you on something. In X-MEN #14, when Dr. Trask first introduced the Sentinels on TV, Professor Xavier tried to stop one Sentinel with his strongest thought bolt, and failed. But in X-MEN #15, he was able, with his thought bolt, to bother the Master Mold with it. How come???

Walter Willis, 169 S. Spring Mill Rd. Villanova, Penna.

Wally boy, we'd like to answer you—honest! But, by the time we received your liltin' letter, we were already hard at work on ish #20! We've kinda forgotten the details of #15 (and probably wouldn't be able to think of an answer even if we remembered!). So, how about it, X-Men x-perts? Can any of you give us the answer, out there in Marvel-land? There'll be a one-of-a-kind no-prize waiting for the best and battliest letter!

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